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SUBJECT: SHIP VISITS MOMBASA

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1. WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S POSITION OF TRYING TO PROTECT LONG-TERM U.S. NAVY ACCESS BY NOT OVERLOADING THE CIRCUIT. BECAUSE OF PRESENT SITUATION IN REGION OF SHORTAGE OF BUNKERING FUEL, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT AND DOD WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF COMIDEASTFOR REQUESTS FOR REFUELING STOPS AS LOCAL SITUATION DICTATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY'S CAREFUL SOUNDING, WITH GOK IF NECESSARY, ON

WHETHER PROPOSED KOELSCH VISIT JANUARY 26-27 WOULD AFFECT
GOK ATTITUDE RE FUTURE NAVAL VISITS TO MOMBASA. IF IN
EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATE IT WOULD NOT, WE WOULD HOPE
THAT IN THIS INSTANCE GOK WOULD RECOGNIZE PROBLEM AND BE
WILLING TO APPROVE PORT CLEARANCE.

2. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY IN DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING
INFLEXIBLE SYSTEM OF GUIDELINES FOR SHIP VISITS,
PARTICULARLY IN THIS PERIOD OF RELATIVE EMERGENCY. ON THE
OTHER HAND BOTH DOD AND DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZE PROBLEM CAUSED
BY SHIP ARRIVING YOUR AREA WITH NEITHER PORT CLEARANCE NOR

SUFFICIENT FUEL TO DIVERT. DEFENSE IS AND HAS BEEN
EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR REFUELING COMIDEASTFOR
SHIPS WHICH WILL ASSIST IN ALLEVIATING SCHEDULING
DIFFICULTIES AND AVOIDING REPETITION OF SITUATION SUCH AS
BRUMBY VISIT. KISSINGER

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